



IRWA Credentialing 101 Call

Tuesday, September 13, 2022
9 a.m. (PT.)

IPEC Credentialing
Subcommittee



Purpose of the Call

- Discuss the roles and responsibilities of our Chapter Professional Development Committee (PDC) Chairs; and
- Provide an overview of the new RWA, RWP and SR/WA Program.

Chapter PDC Chair Position

Your role as Chapter PDC Chair is critical in two areas:

1. Processing requests for certifications and the SR/WA designation for your chapter members.
2. Working with your Chapter Education Chair to ensure that IRWA classes are promoted to those members, so they can meet the requirements to obtain those credentials and maintain them.

Processing Requests for Certification

How to assist members who are pursuing or renewing a certification/designation:

- Request a list from IRWA HQ of your chapter members who are: 1. certified, 2. candidates for any credentialing programs and 3. due for recertification;
- Encourage your chapter members who are pursuing a credential to declare their candidacy;
- Become familiar with the specific program requirements;
- Review and approve all Declaration of Candidacy forms;
- Review and ensure all program requirements are met before approving any completion applications; and
- Ensure all members who hold a certification/designation fulfill their recertification requirements during the specified timeframe.

Promoting IRWA Courses

How to increase your chapter's participation in IRWA Credentialing Programs:

- Increase awareness in the value of holding a certification/designation;
- Encourage new members to declare their candidacy for a credential;
- Reach out to current chapter members who may be close to fulfilling the IRWA coursework requirements for a specific credential(s).

Questions?





The New Professional Right of Way Certification Program

"The New RWA, RWP
and SR/WA Program"



How Did We Get Here?

- While examining the SR/WA Industry-Specific Pathways Program, the IPEC Credentialing Subcommittee wanted to ensure that the SR/WA was still serving our membership's needs.
- IPEC Credentialing Subcommittee designed and sent an all-members survey in January 2021.
- The findings revealed significant support for a return to a single SR/WA pathway program.
- IPEC Credentialing Subcommittee developed a more robust and comprehensive program that will better prepare our members for a diverse range of right of way experiences.

What's Changed?

1. The IRWA coursework requirements in all three levels (RWA, RWP and SR/WA) have been increased to 272 total credit hours to be more inclusive of all right of way disciplines and to better prepare members for application in their professions.
2. All members who are currently pursuing the RWA, RWP and SR/WA will now be required to complete a Declaration of Candidacy Form that will allow IRWA to track what each candidate is working towards. Those who have already obtained an RWA or RWP under one of the four industry-specific pathways will automatically be a candidate for the SR/WA and will not have to declare their candidacy.

New Coursework Requirements

RWA

900/900C [16]
800/800C [16]
600/600C [8]
200 [16]
102 [8]
100 [16]

RWP

901 [8]
801/801C [16]
700 [16]
501 or 502* [16]
400/400C [16]
219 [16]
203 [16] or 205 [16] or 303 [16]
105* [8]

**In lieu of 105 and 501 or 502, candidates outside of the U.S. may complete 24 credit hours from other intermediate or advanced level IRWA courses.*

SR/WA

902 [8]
802/802C [16]
504 or 506 or 803/803C [16]
or 421/421C* [32]
215 [16]
207 or 209 [16]

Additional 16 credit hours of any intermediate or advanced courses of your choice.

**Additional 16 credit requirement is satisfied if Course 421/421C is successfully completed.*

Declaration of Candidacy Requirement

All IRWA members who are currently pursuing the SR/WA can select from one of two options:

1. Stay on your current industry-specific pathway

- All members who are currently pursuing the RWA, RWP and SR/WA will now be required to complete a Declaration of Candidacy Form that will allow IRWA to track what each candidate is working towards. Those who have already obtained an RWA or RWP under one of the four industry-specific pathways will automatically be a candidate for the SR/WA and will not have to declare their candidacy.
- No fee will be charged for this initial declaration of candidacy.
- You will have five years from December 31, 2022, to complete all the requirements in your industry-specific pathway.
- If you think you cannot complete the requirements during your five-year candidacy period, we suggest you choose the second option.

Declaration of Candidacy Requirement

2. Migrate to the new single SR/WA Pathway Program

- You will be required to complete and submit a Declaration of Candidacy Form to your Chapter PDC Chair.
- Pay a standard \$50 fee for the SR/WA and a \$25 fee for the RWA and RWP.

Questions?

